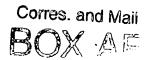


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> **EXAMINING GROUP 2183** Docket No.: 1614.1103

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In re the Application of:

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BRANCH PREDICTION METHOD, ARITHMETIC AND LOGIC UNIT, AND

INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING BRANCH PREDICTION AT THE TIME OF OCCURRENCE OF A BRANCH INSTRUCTION (as

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on July 7, 2004.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 7, 2004, being a Saturday to August 9, 2004.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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